

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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FOR CHIEF OF MISSION FROM ACTING ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AODE, AFSP, APER

SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

1. AS BUREAU PREPARES, WITHIN MODE GUIDELINES, TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ELIMINATING AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT CEILINGS THROUGHOUT ARA, WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOU ONCE MORE TO OBTAIN YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCURRENCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MODE REQUESTS SENT TO YOU IN RECENT MONTHS, YOU IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. AS YOU KNOW, AT HIS MARCH 13 CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO MAKE A SELECTIVE RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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DUCTION OF PERSONNEL SERVING UNDER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION ABROAD. ACCORDINGLY, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SUMMARIZING THE STAFF REDUCTIONS YOU RECOMMENDED AND REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT THESE REDUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. THE PROPOSED STAFF REDUCTION IN QUESTION, AND THE CONCERNED AGENCY RESPONSE IS

SUMMARIZED BELOW:

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

U.S. FSL

AGRI 1 (AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE) 2 (AGRICULTURAL OFFICE)

AGENCY RESPONSE

AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE CONCURS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION AND STATED  
THAT THE AGRICULTURAL OFFICE WAS CLOSED ON MAY 15, 1978.

3. ANY COMMENTS YOU CARE TO MAKE AT THIS TIME ON THE  
MODE STAFFING REDUCTION QUESTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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